AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. MODIFICATIONS TO TRICARE OPERATIONS MANUAL WITH RESPECT TO COVERAGE OF AUTISM THERAPY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall modify the operations manual under the TRICARE program, or such successor manual of the Department of Defense, with respect to coverage of autism therapy as follows:

(1) To allow a covered beneficiary one year to obtain a confirmatory diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

(2) To make coordination of services by an autism service navigator optional and available at the request of a covered beneficiary, even for beneficiaries who are new to receiving services for autism spectrum disorder.
(3) To eliminate the requirement that an applied behavior analysis supervisor complete the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Behavior Inventory Teacher Form and require instead that—

(A) the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Behavior Inventory forms for both the parent and teacher be completed; and

(B) the person completing the teacher form must meet the criteria in the Pervasive Developmental Disorder Behavior Inventory manual regarding frequency and duration of contact with the client.

(4) To eliminate the requirement that an applied behavior analysis supervisor administer the Parenting Stress Index, Fourth Edition, or the Stress Index for Parents of Adolescents, and require instead that—

(A) any evaluation of the efficacy of services provided for autism spectrum disorder shall focus primarily on measuring outcomes for the covered beneficiary as the primary recipient of services; and

(B) the Secretary shall devise and implement a quality of life assessment instrument that has proved valid and reliable with individ-
uals with autism spectrum disorder and their
caregivers.

(5) To eliminate the prohibition on billing for
changing diapers during a treatment session with a
covered beneficiary.

(6) To eliminate the prohibition on billing for
services provided outside of the home, clinic, office,
school, or via telehealth.

(7) To eliminate the limitation on services au-
thorized in a school setting to those rendered by a
board certified behavior analyst or licensed behavior
analyst to target a specific behavior excess or deficit
for a limited duration and instead authorize that
clinically necessary services in the treatment plan of
a covered beneficiary may be delivered in a school
setting by providers at any level as determined by
the applied behavior analysis supervisor.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “cov-
ered beneficiary” and “TRICARE program” have the
meanings given those terms in section 1072 of title 10,
United States Code.